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RE: Docket No. G-02527A-09-0088, G-02527A-09-0032, W-02527A-09-020 1 ,
W-02527A-09-0033, AND E-0 1749A-09-0087

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to support the Weatherization Program proposal as presented by Graham County Utilities, Inc., in the above-referenced Docket. I have read and respect staff's position in this case, however believe that the program will have a positive impact on customers, particularly low-income customers' ability to improve their home's energy efficiency.

Southeastern Arizona Community Action Program (SEACAP) currently manages a weatherization program serving Graham, Greenlee, Cochise and Santa Cruz counties, which leverages funding from the federal Weatherization program, APS, SW Gas as well as ARRA weatherization funding. SEACAP received \$4,654,446 in ARRA weatherization funding, and has to-date successfully and effectively expended 82.92%, all of which funds will be expended by March 2012.

Staff indicates that 213 homes is an ambitious goal with the proposed funding of \$21,317, however if SEACAP is able to administer these funds along with their other program funding, it will be efficiently deployed in each home served, with eligibility being determined by SEACAP staff, and appropriate use and expenditure levels will be determined by the trained staff when each energy audit is conducted in the home. I also recommend that in order to get this program off the ground, no administrative funds be allocated to SEACAP in order to expend this program funding.

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Outreach and education are important components to any program, particularly new programs, and Arizona Community Action Association and SEACAP are happy to assist in the development of materials and the actual outreach activities designed for this program in order to raise awareness and to educate customers about the importance and benefit of energy efficiency measures in their homes.

I respectfully request the Commission's support of this program, and am happy to answer any questions you may have related to this request. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 602.604.0640.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Zwick', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Cynthia Zwick
Executive Director

c: John Wallace
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